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Letter To The Editor

As a member of the Appomattox County Extension Homemakers and Co-Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for County Council, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the cast of the Womanless Wedding and to their wives for their help and cooperation in making the wedding a success.

Many of the members had other committments they put aside to give time to our project for which we, the Homemakers, are grateful.

To the many ladies who worked so hard behind the scenes decorating, making bouquets, costumes, tickets, reception, and the make-up girls a special thank you.

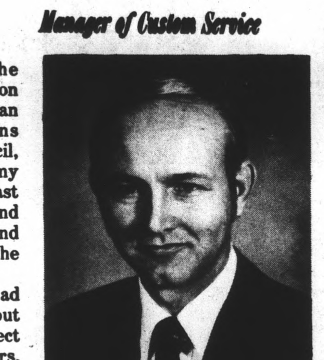
To Lina Trent and Brenda Harris who gave so much of their time and talents to the entire cast, also WTTX and the Times Virginian for their excellent advertising of the event, we could go on and on. Everyone was so helpful.

Saturday night was a time of fun for the entire family.

Many families came out to enjoy themselves and enjoy they did, so ladies and gentlemen, thanks again for the best night of entertainment Appomattox has seen for some time.

Sincerely,
Ruby Williamson

Charles Burks Appointed Manager of Custom Service



Charles S. Burks has been appointed Manager of Custom Services for Kingsport Press. Burks, who joined the company in 1963, has had experience as Supervisor in the Photographic Department, as a Customer Service Representative and as Regional Customer Service Manager.

Charles (Sandy) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Burks, formerly of Appomattox.

He graduated from Appomattox High School and attended Steed College and East Tennessee State University.

He is married to the former Wanda Wallen and they have one child, a daughter, Sabrina, age 11.

The announcement was made by Willard Reel, vice president, and became effective May 16, 1979.

Crawford To Offer Swimming Lessons

Jim Crawford, head basketball coach at A.C.H.S. and P.E. and Health teacher at Appomattox Middle School, will be teaching beginner swimming lessons to children ages 6 to 12.

There will be four two-week sessions with one hour classes. The four classes each day, Monday through Friday, will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will be taught at the pool at the Traveler's Inn Motel on Route 460.

A maximum of ten students will be accepted for each class and the cost will be $20.00 for each student, 20 one hour classes.

The first session of classes will begin June 18 and continue through June 29th; second session will be from July 2 to July 13th; third session will be from July 23 to August 3; and the fourth session will be from August 6 to August 17th.

Registration sheets are available at the Travelers Inn Motel. For more information, you may call the motel, 352-7451.

If sufficient interest is shown, advanced swimming classes will be considered.

MISS KING INDUCTED INTO SIGMA THETA TAU

Miss Mary Elizabeth King of 9111 White Bluff Road, Savannah, Georgia was inducted on May 19th into the Beta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, a national honor society for nurses.

Miss King, a 1979 graduate from the Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. King of Appomattox.

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Va. Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

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Amelia	1,030.87
Amherst	6,306.62
Appomattox	6,577.73
Bedford County	1,453.60
Buckingham	12,557.21
Campbell	5,053.13
Charlotte	4,522.04
Cumberland	6,254.05
Goochland	1,524.88
Nelson	4,239.89
Pittsylvania	1,297.68
Powhatan	3,693.10
Prince Edward	10,462.77
Prince William	588.72
Rockbridge	1,043.64
Total	74,641.10

We feel this information is of interest to our readers in Appomattox County as well as in adjoining counties.

The Bible and Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

SHOWING MERCY
Lesson For June 10, 1979

Background Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1-19; 24-26

Focal Passage: 1 Samuel 26: 6-12, 21-24

The Lord Forbid that I should put forth my hand to kill the Lord's annointed....(1Sam. 26: 11a)

THE UNFOLDING DRAMA

Our lesson allows us to eavesdrop on the unfolding drama of three significant characters in the Old Testament. The drama opens with Jonathan and David's "soul" knitted together in friendship. It is interesting that the King's son should rise to the defense of a man who would eventually succeed the throne of Israel.

David's relationship to Jonathan more than likely stayed David's sword on several occasions. King Saul had been grossly arrogant and unkind to David, who had served as a loyal servant in Saul's Army. But Saul could not stand the publicity that David was getting from his activities on the battlefront.

How far does friendship go? Will true friendship go so far as to betray one's devotion to a close of kin? That was the case with Jonathan. He willingly told David that his father was out to do him in. We must say, then, that doing what is right must supercede the wrong that can come from blind devotion. As much as it may hurt, we may choose between the narrowness of a blood relationship and a friend who needs our support.

THE DRAMA OF JEALOUSY

Saul had a disease that eventually killed him. He had a terminal case of jealousy! Saul was an emotionally unstable person. By his own choice Saul lived a life that had a downward slope. His jealous rage towards David moved him to premeditate on murdering the one who Saul believed was "stealing his thunder."

Rather than celebrating David's victories on the battlefront, Saul became enraged with jealousy. Jealousy is a "disease" that keeps many people from celebrating the achievements of others.

Too often we will think of ourselves as inferior to someone who does well in some area of life. The "cancer" of covetousness eats away at those persons who never seem to be satisfied with who they are or what they have. Many people are never satisfied with the grass that grows on their side of the fence!

THE DRAMA OF MERCY

If anyone ever had a right to feel bitterness towards another human being, it was David. But David's treatment towards Saul is a lesson worth noting. David killed Saul with kindness rather than with a sword! David had several opportunities to literally kill Saul in revenge for Saul's attempts on David's life.

David did not stoop to violence as a means to settle his problems with Saul. Perhaps David's refusal to slay the king did not issue from mere sentiment for the royal throne, but because Saul was in reality "sent from God". To lay a hand on Saul was to lay hand on a special relationship between God and His annointed.

Rather then kill, David stayed his execution of Saul. It takes a larger heart to forvive than to kill! David must have believed that every person is in some sense special to God, and therefore must never, in war, business, or plesasure, be treated as a mere pawn in the game of life. David seemed to practice the great Christian ethic, "Love your enemies."

Perhaps there is something in David's character and treatment of Saul that can inform society on the treatment of criminals, particularly those on "death row." Saul certainly may have deserved to die because of the way he treated, David but is murder the best way to solve a problem? Is capital punishment society's best and only answer for dealing with social misfits? Do we teach persons lessons by destroying them? Think about it!

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist CHurch in Pamplin, VA.

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OBITUARIES

Jessie King

Funeral services for Deacon Jessie W. King were held on Saturday, June 2, at 1 p.m. at White Oak Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte County.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

West Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Thomas Ferguson

Mrs. Maxine Ferguson of 705 Hancock St., Lynchburg, died Saturday at Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of the late Thomas Ferguson.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Hut Ferguson and the late Judith Ann Ferguson. She was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, William B. Ferguson of Lynchburg; a daughter, Deloris Ferguson of Chicago, Ill.; three grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and a host of nieces nephews and other relatives and friends.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Eugene W. Martin

APPOMATTOX - Eugene Witt Martin, 30, of Route 1, Appomattox, died at 9:45 a.m. Saturday in Lynchburg General Hospital as a result of an industrial accident at H. K. Porter Co., Inc. He was the husband of Nellie Harris Martin.

Born in Appomattox, he was a son of Fred H. Martin Sr. and Shirley Harvey Martin of Route 1, Appomattox. He was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church and was a Class A mechanic for H. K. Porter Co.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by a daughter, Stefanie Dawn Martin of Appomattox; a brother, Fred H. Martin Jr. of Lufkin, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Juanita M. Rickmond of Appomattox; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Wooldridge of Appomattox; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Hunter Freeman Martin of Appomattox, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna F. Harris of Lynchburg.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Monday from Robinson Funeral Home in Appomattox.

Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

Grady B. Bolden

Grady Bell Bolden, 66, of Route 3, Reidsville, N. C., died Saturday in a Reidsville hospital.

Born in Stokes County, he was a retired foreman for the North Carolina State Highway Department and a member of Smyrna Presbyterian Church in Reidsville.

He is survived by a son, Johnny Bolden of Reidsville and three daughters, Mrs. Rachel Hudson of Stokesdale, N. C., Mrs. Faye McDaniel of Greensboro, N. C., and Mrs. James Cassidy of Concord.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Wilkerson Funeral Home by the Rev. Harold Joyce. Burial was in Smyrna Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Griffin V. Overstreet

Margaret (Maggie) Smelser Overstreet, 65, of 2323 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, died at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 1979, at her residence. Her husband was the late Griffin V. Overstreet.

Born in Bedford, she was daughter of the late Burl Smelser and Elizabeth Gray Smelser.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fred E. (Shirley) Seay of Appomattox; a son, Griffin Wayne Overstreet of Richmond, and a granddaughter, Teresa Marie Seay.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday from Hillcrest Cemetery, Blue Ridge.

Robinson Funeral Home in Appomattox was in charge of arrangements.

Charles R. Shull

Charles Robert Shull, 74, of Route 1, Concord, died at 3:49 p.m. Saturday in Lynchburg General Hospital after a short illness. His wife is Celia Greer Shull.

Born in Neva, Tennessee he was a son of the late N. C. Shull and Catherine Ward Shull. He was a retired farmer.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Robert S. Shull of Lynchburg and E. Ray Shull and T. Tom Shull, both of Concord; six daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Reece of Mountain City, Tennessee, Mrs. Mary Goff of Rustburg, Mrs. Peggy Hines of Hurt, Mrs. Marilyn Fore of Monterey, Mrs. Myrle Hall of Boise, Idaho, and Mrs. Greer Tibbs of Forest; a sister, Mrs. Lillie Grindstaff of Mountain City, Tennessee; 27 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Whitten Timberlake Chapel. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Mrs. James L. Sheets, Sr.

Mary Shorter Sheets, 92, of Appomattox, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Newton Jennings of Appomattox. Her husband was the late James Lindsey Sheets, Sr.

Born in Rockbridge County, she was a daughter of the late George Rubin Shorter and Elizabeth Henderson Shorter. She was a former resident of Clifton Forge where she was a member of Central United Methodist Church. She was a life member of WCTU and also active in civic activities in Clifton Forge.

She is survived by a son, James Lindsey Sheets, Jr. of Clifton Forge; a daughter, Mrs. J. Newton (Charlotte) Jennings of Appomattox; a brother, Gilliam W. Shorter of Eagle Rock; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday from Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox, by the Rev. P. Edward Leonard.

Burial will be in Shiloh United Methodist Church Cemetery at Eagle Rock.

Robinson Funeral Home in Appomattox was in charge of arrangements.

Revival Planned At Bethel Bible Church

Revival services will begin at Bethel Bible Church on Linden Street on Sunday, June 10th and will continue through June 17th. Services will begin nightly at 7 p.m. with special singing each night.

Evangelist Bunny Gregory of Arvonia, a chaplain trucking for Jesus in a 18 wheeler that a church in California donated to him after much prayer.

"Trucking for Jesus," that's what it says on the huge white trailer that the Gregory family, Bunny, his wife, Blonnie, and their 14 year old son, Orville, call home. The Gregorys, who criss cross the country in the name of Jesus, are in their fourth 11-month pilgrimage since 1976. It is a voyage that will take them to more than 40 truck stops in search of drivers, mechanics, hookers, and runaways who are ready to accept Christ as their savior.

You will want to be present to hear this man of God, a man who is still "Trucking For Jesus."

Public Often Fooled By Straw Bales

"Strawbale barriers have become the most overused and misused sediment control practice in the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District", says Board Chairman Dr. Franklin Flint of Lynchburg. "Straw bales give the appearance of a lot of conservation effort and have led many contractors and land developers to believe that straw bales are the cure-all for all erosion and sediment problems. Unfortunately, straw bale barriers usually are not very effective in trapping sediment and most of the sediment winds up in our streams," Flint added.

There are other practices that are usually more effective and have a wider range of applicability than straw bales. But part of the problem with straw bales in their misuse. In order for a strawbale barrier to be effective, it should not have a drainage area larger than ½ acre. There should not be concentration of water in a channel above the barrier. Bales should be placed in a single row on the contour, embedded in the soil to a depth of 3 inches and anchored with stakes.

"I've seen a lot of bales used," says Bob McClenny, District Conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, "but I've never seen them put in exactly right. The worst problems come from not embedding the bales and using them where there's too much runoff. Actually, the straw would often do more good used for mulch over newly seeded areas," McClenny adds.

"Our developers, engineers, contractors, and inspectors should do a better job with straw bales or use another conservation practice," Dr. Flint notes.

If properly installed, straw bales are usually more costly than some alternative measures. The best alternative seems to be an earthen dike with a gravel outlet structure. This structure temporarily ponds the runoff behind the dike and allows the sediment to settle or be filtered out as the runoff flows through the rock.

Other advantages of the dike with gravel outlet in comparison with straw bales include greater sediment trapping efficiency, less maintenance, can be used on larger drainage areas, and may remain in use for a longer period of time.

For details on designing dikes with gravel outlet structures, contact the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

Chestnut Grove

JUNE 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and Rodney, of Richmond, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and Kathy and Mrs. Kemper Beasley attended the music recital at Appomattox High School Saturday night. Kathy was a participant.

Mrs. Bill Senger has been on the sick list but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Forbes of Dillwyn.

Monday was the regular monthyly pastors' conference of The James River Association. They met at Concord Baptist Church and their families joined them for a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass was a Sunday visitor of Mrs. Janie Repass at Roseland.

Kenneth and Randy Cook, of Prospect, spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Woodall, of Farmville, on the birth of a daughter, Chasity Renee.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Falls and Mrs. Odell Kirby, all of Farmville, to the Dunkum reunion Sunday near Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and Kathy were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

The young adult class and their families of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church had a picnic at Holiday Lake Saturday night.

Several from the community attended the baccalaureate serman at Jarman Hall in Farmville Sunday for the Buckingham graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline Hill and family, of Richmond, were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Harris.

Drinking Drivers Involved in Crashes

The typical drunk driver involved in a fatal highway accident in Virginia during 1978 was a twenty to twenty-nine year old male laborer with less than six years driving experience. In forty-five percent of last year's alcohol related fatal accidents, someone other than the drunk driver died as a result of the crash.

These facts were among the statistics in information based on toxicology reports from the state Medical Examiner's office and compiled by the Virginia Department of Transportation Safety.

During 1978, Virginia had 967 fatal carashes in which 1,080 people died. There were 350 drinking drivers involved in these fatal crashes. Three hundred thirteen were male and 27 were female. Of the male drinking drivers, 62% were under 30 years old. Of the 167 pedestrians killed, 75 had been drinking.

Lea T. Townes, Executive Director of Central Virginia ASAP, stated, "This kind of information is extremely useful to us as we plan our prevention efforts. By knowing who is most likely to cause highway deaths because of alcohol, we can design our public information program to reach that person. These facts confirm that our efforts to reach every hnigh school driver education student in Central Virginia are on target.

"We want to work with every organization and individual in Central Virginia to promote the idea that friends don't let friends drive drunk," continued Townes. "We hope to increase the number of people in each community who will be willing to take whatever action is necessary to keep a friend from driving drunk. We believe this kind of intervention must increase if we are to see a change in these statistics in future years."

Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) was also analyzed. Forty-seven percent of the drivers had a BAC between .16% and .25%. The BAC at which intoxication is presumed according to Virginia law is .10%. Of the 75 pedestrians killed who had been drinking, 83% had a BAC above .10%.

Hints For Homeowners

HOME IMPROVEMENT, SAFETY AND ECONOMY
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Almost every day we read about or see in a home supplies center some new product that has been developed to make it easier and less expensive for residents to make their own improvements or maintenance repairs. Like self-adhesive flooring tiles, electric staple guns that speed up wall panelling work (and prevent sore hands!), or screwdriver-assembled furniture and shelving.

It's these and similar handy developments that have enabled homeowners to cope with the rising costs and scarcity of carpenters and other repair and remodeling professionals, and caused this country to become a nation of "do-it-yourself," money-saving skilled amateurs.

The tool-making industry is one that has particularly helped. For example, today there are tape measures by Lufkin with lock-in-position blades so that one hand can do the work of two. And Crescent screwdrivers with extra-large handles for easier turning; a chainsaw file guide designed by Nicholson lets a saw owner do his own professional-quality sharpening and stack the woodpile quicker and with less effort. For the homesewer who would make her own new curtains or decorative pillow covers, Wiss has new super-lightweight and knife-edge sharp scissors and shears for easy and accurate cutting of patterns.

Do-it-yourself has become a national pastime, and at the same time shaved the costs of essential home maintenance and creative improvements. If you haven't tried it, you're missing the satisfaction of self-doing and a bigger balance in the savings account!

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Tips to Reduce Auto Expense

Maintaining a car if often your greatest expense, but you can save by buying spare parts from a local junk yard. Sometimes, you'll find them in near-mint condition, and at only half the price you'd pay at a garage or parts store.

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The new gallon plastic jug of motor oil from Amalie Refining Company, called the Dispos-Oil-Jug, eliminates the once-messy part of changing the oil in your car yourself. Its resealable container allows you to add new oil without having to open separate cans. It also provides a receptacle for the old oil that's safe for the environment. The Dispos-Oil-Jug is the first big change in motor oil containers since the quart can.

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You can increase gas mileage by keeping your engine in tune. The recommended interval is set forth in your owner's manual. You should have a minor tune-up, preferably in the spring, before hot weather and vacation travel. It is also good to consider a late fall tune-up to prevent sluggish starts and possible trouble during the winter.

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